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SUBJECT: SEABEE MATTERS - MOSCOW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

REF: STATE 068044

1. MOSCOW RECONFIGURATION PROJECT IS COMPLICATED, MULTI-PHASED UNDERTAKING. CPOIC ED MORROW HAS BEEN INTIMATELY INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT SINCE LATE SEPT 1974. THE PROSPECT OF CHANGING THE CPOIC PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT (OR EVEN PHASE I OF THE PROJECT) DOES NOT GENERATE MUCH ENTHUSIASM, AND IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH GOOD PROJECT SUPERVISION, NO OTHER INDIVIDUAL IS FULLY BRIEFED ON ALL THREE PHASES OF PROJECT.

2. POST WOULD THEREFORE PREFER TO RETAIN BUCS MORROW FOR DURATION OF PROJECT. IN EVENT THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE (BECAUSE OF ONWARD ASSIGNMENT PRIORITIES), POST FEELS THAT IT ESSENTIAL THAT MORROW REMAIN AT LEAST UNTIL COMPLETION OF PHASE I (ESTIMATE END OF APRIL). IT IS EXPECTED THAT BY END OF APRIL PHASE II WILL BE COMPLETED - OR NEAR COMPLETION.

3. ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTY IN SWC MORIN DEPARTING POST ON OR ABOUT 15 MAY. PHASE II SHOULD BE COMPLETED, WITH PHASE III THEN UNDERWAY. MORROW AND MORIN AGREE THAT ONE STEELWORKER WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE REMAINDER OF STEEL WORK IN PHASE III.

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4. BU1 YEAGER WILL DEPART MOSCOW NLT 14 MAY. HE REQUESTS

15 DAYS LEAVE PRIOR TO REPORTING TO NSU (WILL SEND SEPTTEL ON THIS MATTER).

5. IN CONVERSATION HOFF/HARVEY IN FALL OF 1974, HOFF ADVISED THAT SEABEE SPECIAL PROJECT TEAM COULD ASSIST RESIDENT SEABEES IN CLEARING ATTIC OF CENTRAL BUILDING. TRUST THAT REMAINDER OF TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN SUFFICIENT TIME TO ACCOMPLISH THAT LARGE TASK.
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